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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of : Jordan *et al*

Examiner: Chen, Stacy

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Title: **METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE
ACTIVITY OF ORNITHINE
DECARBOXYLASE AND FOR
IDENTIFYING EFFECTORS OF
ORNITHINE DECARBOXYLASE
ACTIVITY**

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Statement in Support of Biological Deposit

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, George S. Jones (Reg. No. 38,508), declare as follows:

1. I am a patent attorney at sanofi-aventis working in biotechnology.
2. The above-referenced application refers to deposits of DSM ACC2444 and DSM ACC2445, deposited at the Deutsche Stammsammlung für Mikroorganismen, Mascheroder Weg 1 b, D-38124 Braunschweig, Germany, in accordance with the rules of the Budapest Treaty. These deposits are in reference to mAb IE273 and mAb IE245 recited in claims 14, 15 and 24-27.
3. During pendency of the application, access to the deposit will be afforded the Commissioner upon request.
4. All restrictions upon the availability to the public of the deposited biological material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of a patent on this application.
5. The deposits will be maintained in a public depository for a period of at least thirty years from the date of deposit or for the enforceable life of the patent or for a period of five years after the date of the most recent request for the furnishing of a sample of the deposited biological material, whichever is longest.

6. The deposits will be replaced if they should become nonviable or non-replicable.

7. I declare under the laws of the United States of America that all statements of fact set forth above are true, and recognize that willfully false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent that issues from this application.

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